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NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION  
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 15THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES  
(Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces)

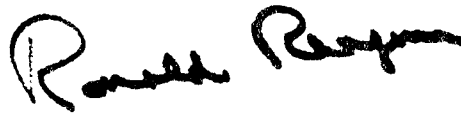
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On the recommendation of the National Security Council, which met on November 12, 1981, I have made the following decisions regarding the U.S. position for the first round of the negotiations on Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) scheduled to begin on November 30, 1981.

- We will propose an agreement on intermediate-range land-based systems that would remove and dismantle the Soviet Union's SS-20 and retire SS-4 and SS-5 systems in return for no deployment of the U.S. Pershing II and GLCMs.
- We will also indicate that we are prepared to seek subsequent limits with significant reductions for other nuclear weapons systems.
- We will negotiate in good faith to achieve global, equal and verifiable levels of weapons.
- The Interagency Group will ensure that the negotiating instructions, including enumeration of objectives and principles, are fully congruent with the President's decisions as expressed in this National Security Decision Directive.



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